

## FIRE IS RAVAGING GERMANY'S GREAT MUNITION PLANT

### Krupp Works at Essen Burning

(International News Service.)

London, Dec. 22.—The great Krupp Works at Essen, the chief source of Germany's armament supply, has been swept by fire, but the extent of damage done is not known. A wireless from Maestricht, Holland, picked up today by the British admiralty, said that workmen arriving there from Essen said that the works had been burning for 24 hours.

(International News Service.)

New York, Dec. 22.—An unconfirmed report was circulated in financial circles here today that the great Krupp gun and munitions works at Essen, Germany, have been burning for 24 hours. The report was said to have come from Holland.

(Note: The Krupp works are the biggest in the world and the loss of the plant would be equivalent to a decisive allied victory in the field.)

### FAMOUS MACHINE GUN INVENTOR HANDS HARD RAP TO GEN. CROZIER

DECLARES THAT HE HAS BEEN PERSECUTED BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT AND HIS INVENTION SPURNED.

### TWO SONS ARE IN FRANCE

SAYS THAT IT IS AN OUTRAGE THAT AMERICAN TROOPS IN FRANCE ARE NOT PROPERLY EQUIPPED. NO BROWNING GUN.

(International News Service.)

Washington, Dec. 22.—Sensational allegations that he had been "persecuted" by the war department, featured the story this afternoon of Col. Isaac Lewis, inventor of the famous Lewis machine gun, as he revealed his side of the controversy during which he tried time and again to get the United States to accept his invention. He refuted sharply the story that he had never offered the gun to his country. Instead, he insisted that he had done so "unreservedly."

"The country is facing the struggle of its life," he fairly shouted, after notifying the committee that it would get the whole truth from him no matter how unpleasant.

"My story is being told on every battlefield in Europe," he continued. "It does not have to be told here. I have two sons at the front with Gen. Pershing, and I want to see that they are protected with the best weapons in the world. The equipment of our little band in France is an outrage. It hasn't any artillery or machine guns but what it gets from poverty stricken France. The responsibility is on the ordnance department and Gen. Crozier is more responsible than any living man for the obsolete and inadequate equipment of the American army."

He declared the Browning machine gun was a failure and that there was no such thing as a Browning gun. "It is all on paper. I'm sixty years old, but I'm still in the ring. The war department system is all wrong. Understand I am not charging anyone on the inside ring with pecuniary graft, but there are other kinds of graft. I can't make it too plain that I don't want to receive a penny for any Lewis gun hereafter made."

### IT'S A GOOD OLD WORLD!

THANKS TO FRIEND ALEX.

It was "a good old world!" around the Daily office this morning, thanks to friend T. H. Alexander, Albany's joyous postmaster. Mr. Alexander presented the editor and manager of the Daily each with a choice box of fragrant Christmas Havannas.

### Thrift Stamps For Christmas Instead of Cash Presents

War savings certificate stamps as Christmas presents, instead of cash, is suggested by Crawford Johnson, state thrift director, in a telegram to J. W. Cunningham, director for Morgan county. Mr. Johnson also calls on pastors to raise funds and distribute thrift cards among members of the Sunday schools.

The telegram follows:

J. W. Cunningham, Decatur, Ala.

Please try to get people to give war savings certificate stamps for Christmas presents and bonuses instead of cash, also get prominent citizens to donate sufficient cash with which also to purchase

### VOTING DUMMIES, ARMOUR CONTROLS THE MEAT SUPPLY

(International News Service.)

Washington, Dec. 22.—The tentacles of the packers' combine of Chicago extending into the food supply of the nation were still further revealed in the food investigation today.

Under the questioning of Francis J. Heney, S. W. Croil, of Armour & Company, admitted the vast interest that concern has in other food companies. He barred the concealment of records that permitted this condition and showed that in a directorate of eleven, five are dummies with which J. Ogden Armour, with his sixth deciding vote, could do anything he wishes, while the properties are in the names of dummies.

### WILL HEAR HOOVER

AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.

(International News Service.)

Washington, Dec. 22.—Herbert C. Hoover probably will not have a chance to offer his explanations of the sugar shortage until after Christmas.

When the senate sub-committee investigating the sugar shortage met today, examination of beet sugar men from western states was begun. It was expected that the beet sugar inquiry would take up the session of today and the committee will then adjourn until Wednesday.

### SENATE GOES BACK TO

MACHINE GUN PROBE.

(International News Service.)

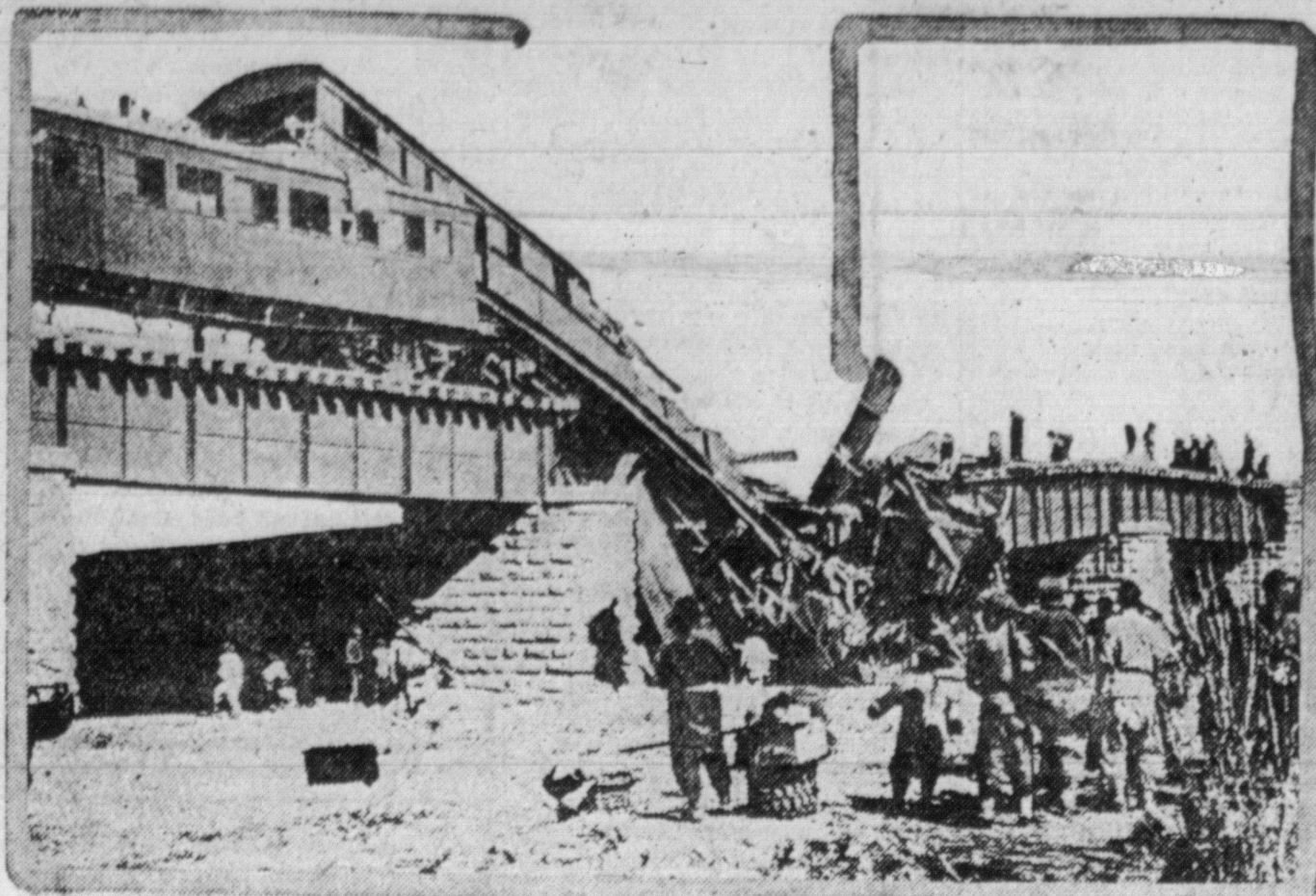
Washington, Dec. 22.—The senate military affairs committee temporarily sidetracked the inquiry into the clothing shortage in the army today and delved again into the machine gun controversy. It intends to fix the blame definitely for the fact that the American army is practically without machine guns, except in France where the French government is supplying them.

enough thrift stamps to give thrift card with one stamp to about twenty per cent of children in different Sunday schools, having pastor or Sunday school superintendent fix plan of distribution in his church.

CRAWFORD JOHNSON, State Director War Saving Stamps

Mr. Cunningham today expressed his thanks to the Morgan County National Bank for donating advertising space for the thrift cause, and appealed to other advertisers to also give publicity to the thrift campaign by inserting lines in their advertisements calling attention to the thrift stamps and baby bonds.

### CLOSE CALL FOR RED CROSS COMMISSION



Serbian railroad bridge that was blown up just before it was reached by the train bearing the American Red Cross commission headed by W. E. Thompson.

### DECATUR RED CROSS GOES OVER THE TOP TODAY, 300 MORE NEEDED FOR ALBANY

At 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon there will be a meeting of new and old members of the Albany Red Cross in the work room at the Y. M. C. A. All expected to attend.

At 8 o'clock last night 300 non-Red Cross members barred the way to victory, according to Mrs. W. E. Todd, manager of the Albany membership drive. But though these may defend their position as stubbornly as did the three hundred Spartans the Pass of Thermopylae, Mrs. Todd states that these three hundred holdouts of Albany must surrender. Decatur's great drive to complete victory yesterday with only 99 to go has stirred the combative spirit of the younger city, until the most terrific fighting of the week is expected from now on until 1,031 members or more are registered in the Albany Red Cross book.

The workers are saying as did the Duke of Wellington at the battle of Waterloo: "Boys, we must not be beaten." It is no more a cry of desperation now than it was when the Iron Duke won the greatest single battle of the world. Though only 126 names were wired to New Orleans by Mrs. Todd for yesterday, she has other names, besides 55 other new members secured and handed in by Mrs. H. B. Beard of the Oak Extract Company. Mrs. Beard also sent for more supplies and if she comes up to her original estimate she final figures will be 100 Red Cross members from the big tannery.

Girls Mount Passenger Car.

Capt. R. S. McJilton, who was an eye witness to the brilliant exploit, tells the story of how two plucky Red Cross lasses mounted to the top of a passenger coach yesterday in order to secure the membership of two L. & N. employees who, for a joke, took to the top of the coach when the girls approached, telling them if they were game enough to "come up" they were game to "come across." Needless to say, the fair solicitors accepted the challenge, scaled the "grab irons" and took the money. One blacksmith, J. L. Prosser by name, when approached and asked if his membership might be had, replied: "Uncle Sam can have anything and everything I have got and he can have me to go to France any old time."

Nothing but a lack of busy workers, according to Mrs. Todd, can defeat her plans for complete victory and an appeal is made that there be no slacking from now on until Christmas Eve. The parade yesterday afternoon was not so large as was originally planned, as work was considered of greater merit just at the time than a demonstration, accordingly Mrs. Todd directed many who were to have paraded to continue their soliciting.

Decatur Over the Top.

With 157 names to the good, Decatur Red Cross chapter now lacks only 99 to make her quota of 664. Dr. Cook, campaign manager, stated that he had still other names in addition, but as they were secured after 5

o'clock he would hold them to put in to Saturday's report, which bids fair to reach the required 99 and more. Dr. Cook by invitation addressed the colored citizens of Decatur yesterday who, in a body, decided to cast their lot with their white Red Cross comrades of the Decatur chapter. Much patriotism was in evidence at this meeting and the colored speakers charged it upon the minds and hearts of their hearers that it was as much their duty to do their bit as it was the duty of the soldiers to fight.

### Children Are Active.

The enthusiasm and activity of the grown-ups in the Red Cross drive threaten to be eclipsed by that of the children.

Instances are cited as follows:

A little child who had been hoarding pennies, nickels and dimes almost as a miser would his gold, with a Christmas bicycle as the objective, became so much concerned over doing her bit to aid the soldier boys that she insisted on taking a dollar from the fund and buying a Red Cross membership. She refused to allow her parents to contribute the money.

A Red Cross worker who called at a South Albany home noticed a little boy tugging at the dress of his mother, as she set forth the reasons that would prevent her becoming a member. That night the urchin knocked at the home of the worker and announced that he had brought along a dollar to pay for the membership that had been withheld earlier in the day.

Fifty-eight children at the Gordon school brought pennies to school to make a total of \$1.00 with which to buy the service flag of the Red Cross.

Everywhere the youngsters are grasping the idea that they are interested in the war and have a part of their own to play.

### Spark Plugs Sputter In Malone Window

Novel Device Shows Greater Power of Prest-O-Lite Batteries.

The sputtering of spark plugs, attached to a frame of wire festooned around with holiday decorations, the generator being driven by Prest-O-Lite batteries, whole illuminated at night with a series of small electric bulbs, will cause many a pedestrian to pause while passing the show windows of the Malone Coal, Grain & Motor Company. The original contrivance, intended to call attention to the giant power stored in the Prest-O-Lite batteries, was installed today by George Jackson, and will be in operation throughout the week.

The Malone show windows, which were flung open to public inspection this afternoon, are well worth a special trip to see. They are decorated most artistically. Among the cars shown in the window is an Oldsmobile sedan, one of the handsomest motor-driven vehicles ever brought here.

### LOCAL MAN RODE FLYER THAT HIT THE TRAIN AHEAD

CLYDE NICHOLS TELLS OF HORRIBLE SCENES THAT HE WITNESSED AT SHEPHERDSVILLE.

Clyde Nichols, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Nichols, of Decatur, and one of the "Twin Cities" well known young men, was a passenger on L. & N. express train No. 7 that ran down an accommodation train at Shepherdsville, Ky., yesterday morning, claiming a death toll of half a hundred and seriously injuring as many more.

Riding far back in a rear coach of the long flyer his feet propped against the seat in front and eyes glued to a magazine, he was first apprised of the wreck when the train suddenly lurched backward and a woman passenger rolled into the aisle at his feet. A moment later the conductor came through the coach and admonished the women on board to keep calm. He advised them that an accident had happened.

The men on the coach climbed off and ran ahead, to view what is described by Mr. Nichols as a scene of such horror that he has not yet been able to get it off his mind. The two passenger coaches and one baggage car of the local that had been run down were a mass of wreckage. One of the coaches had been knocked clear of the track for ten feet and was lying all crumpled up in a nearby field. Two dead bodies were hurled on top of the coaches of No. 7, as it ploughed its way through the wrecked train.

"It was the most horrible scene I ever witnessed," said Mr. Nichols. "With the moans and cries of the dying were mingled the laments of the people of the little city of Shepherdsville, as they recognized friends and relatives whose dead bodies were pulled out from under the crushed train. The dead and wounded were carried to nearby buildings, a number of them being placed in a little church. Of ten persons removed to this church at one time, seven died before they reached the building. Many of the more seriously injured will die."

The engineer of No. 7 ran past a signal, according to statements made to Mr. Nichols at the scene of the wreck. The signal was obscured by a deep pall of smoke and was unseen as the engine dashed by under full steam in an effort to make up lost time. The accommodation was late and left the station behind its regular schedule.

### Decatur Postoffice Remains Open Sunday

Postmaster Crawford, in order to take care of the holiday rush, announced today that he would keep the Decatur postoffice open all day Sunday, the same as week days, and that the carriers would make their rounds.

### CIVIL WAR RAGES IN RUSS CAPITAL IS LATEST REPORT

Four Divisions Matiny When Ordered to Take the Field

ITALIANS TROOPS ARE ON THE OFFENSIVE

Regain Lost Ground After Desperate Fighting. British Repulse Attacks

Severe fighting between Bolshevik soldiers and heavy forces of troops that had refused to take the field against Cossacks and Ukranians has broken out in the streets of Petrograd. A report from Copenhagen said that buildings in the heart of the city had been barricaded and the streets were being swept by machine gun fire.

Bad weather is still hindering the fighting on the British front, although there is increasing activity along that part of the front held by the French.

Fighting continues on the Italian front, following a brilliant counter offensive by the Italians during which they regained much of the ground lost in the sector of Monte Asolone.

NO CONFIRMATION OF PEACE PLAN COLLAPSE. (International News Service.)

London, Dec. 22.—Opinion expressed today in circles close to the government held out no ground for hope that the peace between Germany and the Bolshevik government has definitely collapsed. There has been no official confirmation of the press report from Petrograd that Germany rejected the peace terms of the Russian envoys.

COUNTER OFFENSIVE IS LAUNCHED BY ITALIANS. (International News Service.)

Rome, Dec. 22.—A powerful counter offensive has been launched by the Italians between the Piave and the Brenta rivers, and in a series of attacks around Monte Asolone, the Austro-German forces were driven from nearly all the ground they had captured earlier in the week.

RUSS ARE DEMANDING EVACUATION OF TERRITORY. (International News Service.)

Stockholm, Dec. 22.—The peace terms of the Bolshevik government at Petrograd called for the evacuation of all Russian territory that the German armies now occupy, according to a report received here by way of Haparanda. Furthermore, the Bolsheviks is said to have insisted that the Poles be allowed to work out their own problem of self-government without outside interference.

CIVIL WAR BREAKS OUT AGAIN AT PETROGRAD. (International News Service.)

Copenhagen, Dec. 22.—Russia's civil war has extended to Petrograd and heavy fighting was reported to be raging in the streets there today. Four divisions of troops, 80,000 men, were ordered to move against the anti-Bolshevik forces, but mutinied and refused to leave the military district of Petrograd. Bolshevik soldiers were sent against them and bloody fighting broke out.

THREE GERMAN RAIDS REPULSED BY THE BRITISH. (International News Service.)

London, Dec. 22.—Three German raids were attempted against the British lines during the night, but all were repulsed, the war office announced today. One took place near the Bapaume-Cambrai road, another near Monchy-Les-Treux and a third in the Armentieres sector.

G. O. P. Committee Called to Meet

(International News Service.) Washington, Dec. 22.—At the headquarters of the republican national committee, it was announced that Chairman Wilcox has decided to call a meeting of the full committee on Feb. 12 at St. Louis.

### Tobacco Company Forwards the Weed to Company "E"

Two hundred and seventy-nine soldiers' kits of tobacco, each containing 45 cents worth of the weed, through a special arrangement with the American Tobacco Company, is now on its way to France for the use of Company E.

The tobacco was purchased with a fund raised by the Albany-Decatur Daily and was forwarded to the Age-Herald to be turned over to the American Tobacco Company.

The following letter is self-explanatory:

Mr. W. R. Shelton, Mgr., Albany-Decatur Daily, Albany, Ala.

Dear Mr. Shelton:— We are in receipt of a letter from the American Tobacco Company, dated Dec. 19, which reads as follows:

We are in receipt of your check for \$69.79, covering amounts collected by you on your tobacco fund in payment of 279 soldiers' kits, to be shipped to Company E, 167th Regiment, Rainbow Division, France.

Your order has been put through and will receive our prompt attention.

We are sending this for your information.

Yours very truly,  
THE AGE-HERALD,  
R. A. Mullins, business manager.  
Dec. 21, 1917.

### Hog's Head Costs Negroes Only 27.50

One hog's head, alleged to have been taken from a barrel of meat that had been broken open while in transit, cost Gus Reed and Jake Bradley, negro brakemen, the round sum of \$27.50 in fines and cost today.

The men were arrested by Special Officer H. J. Jones and were tried before Judge F. M. Hamilton of the New Decatur inferior court, and found guilty. They were fined \$10 each and costs. One of them, it was charged, pilfered the meat and passed it on to the other.

### No Peace Offer From the Kaiser

(International News Service.) Amsterdam, Dec. 22.—Recent reports that Germany is to make another formal peace offer, were denied by the semi-official newspaper, the Cologne Gazette, today.



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## UNIQUE APPEAL TO TRAVELING PUBLIC

It is not after the traditions of the South to fight shy of business. From wooden nutmeg days down to the present, every American citizen, whether living in Dixie or in Doodle, has exerted every effort to accumulate as much of the filthy lucre as possible. The dollar has been ennobled, and business has ruled with interruption.

At the Christmas season, especially, rush for business has been unusually keen. The railroads, like other concerns, have gone out for their share of what was in sight. Low round rates have been offered the public to induce them to be liberal in their expenditures. How strange, then, to note that the Southern Railway has published in every daily paper on its lines the following advertisement:

Every year the normal travel is greatly increasing during the holiday season. This year it will be swelled by the return to their homes for Christmas of a large number of troops now in the camps in the South. Furthermore, an extraordinary current traffic in military supplies, fuel and necessary commercial freight may be expected during the holidays to limit our ability to provide comfortable passenger transportation.

In view of these conditions the Southern Railway Co. earnestly appeals to the traveling public not to attempt trips during the Christmas holidays except there be an urgent necessity to the end that those who must travel may do so with a minimum of inconvenience.

When a railroad can make an appeal like that it is measuring up to its patriotic obligations. It is realizing that its first duty is to the nation, public, on the other hand, should be equally as ready to do its "bit." Holiday journeys should be deferred possible in order that munitions, troops and coal and sugar and necessities may have the right of way.

## THE FINAL PULL IN THE RED CROSS DRIVE.

With the Decatur chapter going for the top today, in the great Red Cross membership drive, the challenge to the Albany chapter to attain a goal of 1,031 members, is accentuated. Success or failure will be decided by the campaigning done today and Monday. Which will it be? The answer must be made by the members themselves. The gallant band of women who have driven forward their objective all week with the decision of a Von Mackensen, can be expected to stop at nothing short of victory. They are on their feet. Those who at the last hour step out for a day's rest will not be acting "slackers," but they will be conscious of their individual responsibility for the failure of a cause, if there is such a dismal story to tell when the grand total is announced. It will require grit, determination and energy to secure the 300 additional members needed. The sledding is ways rougher at the finish. Under such conditions mere man can be depended on to summon his reserve strength, grit his teeth and go in to win or die. The count Christmas Eve will answer for itself as to what fair woman can and will do.

## LAUGHTER HOUSES SHOULD BE INSPECTED.

Revelations of conditions existing in a local slaughter house, conditions in mere publication of which made temporary vegetarians of many meat eaters, have already suggested to the public mind the need for a meat inspector. Waiting for some outraged citizen to pass along a tip to officers of the law is too slow a process for the protection of health. There is too much at stake to place reliance in such uncertain and unsystematic methods.

Popular priced books, 35c. New novels, \$1.25 and \$1.50. A book is the Christmas present ideal. Owl Drug Co. 22-2t



## Christmas FUN

Logical.

"Boy!"  
"Mum!"  
"Stop that noise with your Christmas drum! Do you want to deafen us?"  
"Yes'm; then you won't mind the noise."—Life.

"I'd like to give my wife fifty dollars for Christmas."  
"Well, why not?"  
"I ain't certain that I could coax it away from her again."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Sign of Age.  
"Just when does a woman grow old?"  
"When she ceases to regard the hanging of the mistletoe as an event."—Buffalo Express.

All He Remembered.  
The Preacher—And did you remember the poor on Christmas?  
Little Albert—No. I didn't remember nothin' much, except about pa catchin' me with my hand in the box where ma had the raisins hid.

Up-to-Date Xmas Maxims.  
Never look a Christmas gift in the price tag.  
There is nothing so rare as a present you wanted.

A ton of cog is rather to be chosen than gaudy jewels.  
Beware of mistletoe; it grows on the border of matrimonial jungles.

Better broken toy drums than broken cardrums.  
Christmas spirit seldom intoxicates, but it generally bankrupts.

Christmas belies manage to ring in quite a few gifts.  
Just now the most popular book seems to be the pocketbook.

Never put a gift cigar in the month.  
Christmas gifts are somewhat like babies; you can't always get what you want, but wisely be contented with what comes.—New York American.

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Good Old Soul.  
"Why haven't you gone," then asked him,  
"To your snowy mountain ranges?"  
"I'm waiting," said Santa Claus "to make the regular exchanges."

Christmas Anticipation.  
"I don't believe the approach of Christmas brings you a single joyous anticipation," said the sweet young thing.  
"Don't ch!" replied the savage bachelor. "Listen to my secret. That youngster on the third floor is sure to get a tin trumpet for a present."

"Yes."  
"Then he will get careless and leave it on the hall floor. And then I shall step on it with both feet. Don't you call that a joyous anticipation?"

A Long List.  
-Parke—Have you decided what to give your wife for Christmas?  
Lane—Not yet. There are so many things I can't afford.—Judge.

The Canny Scot at Yule.  
A commercial traveler had taken a large order in Scotland for a consignment of hardware and endeavored to press upon the canny Scottish manager who had given the order a Christmas gift of a box of Havana cigars.

"Nay," he replied, "Don't try to bribe a man. I cudna tak them, and I am a member of the kirk."

"But tell you not accept them as a Christmas present?"  
"I cudna," said the Scot.

"Well, then," said the traveler, "suppose I sell you the cigars for a merely nominal sum—say, sixpence?"

"Weel, in that case," replied the Scot, "since you press me, and, not liking to refuse an offer weel meant, I think I'll be taking two boxes."

The Wondrous Season.  
Christmas—the same old story;  
Sweet with its sweet old way;  
The gifts and the songs and glory,  
The spirit of youth and play,  
Christmas—the faded Santa,  
The tree with its magic light,  
The stars and the drums and trumpets,  
The toys and the tinsel bright.

Christmas—no change forever;  
The letters to good old Kris,  
The arms of the little children  
And the lips that are sweet to kiss.  
Christmas—the changeless beauty,  
Older, and still so young  
With its glory of childhood spirit  
And its tales of the fairy tongue.

Christmas—the streets to show it,  
The shops with their brilliant sight;  
The windows of charm to glow it,  
The festive and magic light,  
Christmas—and still appealing  
With its utter glory to men  
As over their gray hearts stealing  
Their boyhood comes again.

Christmas—the same old blessing,  
The holy and lovely spell  
Of tenderest trust and confessing,  
And the glory of all things well.  
Christmas—the wondrous reason,  
As fresh in its joy today  
As it was in the vanished visions  
Of the childhoods far away.  
—Baltimore Sun.

## A THOUGHT FOR THE SABBATH AND EVERY OTHER DAY

BY OBSERVER.

Evidence that the church is not disavowed by her divine Master, is that some one of her members first received and transmitted the angel message of "White Christmas." To the natural eye this kind of a Christmas is but a snowy white-chance packed with all of white wrapped gifts. To the eyes of the soul it marks a religious turning about, a revolt against Satan, a reversion to early church Christianity. But why so, if this is true? It is true because of the changed destination of the Christmas gifts. According to the old way, the gifts were placed on trees and intended for home consumption. The new Christmas plans send the presents away to the homeless and to those who exist in hovels. This reformed Christmas is significant because in silent white splendor it re-proclaims Christ's great truth. It is not so blessed to receive as it is to give.

However dear, the old "yellow" Christmas (for so we must name it) is subversive of the true principles of the Savior. For it emphasized getting instead of giving. It has little in it of the lesson of loosening of one's life in order to find it. And the old Christmas is of doubtful origin. It certainly did not originate with the earliest Christians. Along with the Christmas tree, it is reported to have come from central Europe, the hot bed of so many un-Christian ideals and practices. At any rate, Christmas as too largely practiced in our time is a season of the rankest worldliness. It would seem that Satan, that mighty strategist, had said within himself: "The time of His birth should be the most sacred—it is the strong citadel of Christianity. So if I can take His birthday soon all the days of the year will be mine. Therefore, first of all, contrary to His law of altruism, I will oppose the pull of self interest. I will teach the tiniest child to expect to be served on Christmas instead of to serve. I will tell good Santa Claus to take something to the child, but not to take anything from him. For grown-ups I will set up a kind of Christmas exchange of gifts, and thus nullify, if I can, His words, 'If ye give to them who give to you, what thank have you, even the Pharisees do this.'"

Satan doubtless takes a cynical pleasure in the large barter in Christmas gifts and the many hardships it works. He laughs in glee when the mail and store clerks reel and writhe under the weight of the holiday exchange gifts. Satan thinks it is a good joke when he sees the Sunday schools begin to fill up just before Christmas. He likes to see gifts, as sops thrown to the children, for he knows that bought virtue will not stay bought. And one of his favorite poems doubtless is Eugene Field's "But Just Before Christmas I'm Good As I Can Be," which lays bare a boy's philosophy who has been taught that Santa Claus visits only the good boys.

Briefly stated, other changes Satan

seeks to make in order to see that our Christmas celebration does not truly represent the spirit of Him who was born on Christmas day are: First, as His Birth was quiet and solemn I will make its celebration noisy and frivolous; second, instead of the songs of the angels I will substitute the bacchanal ditty of the saloon and the brothel; third, as His birth was a signal for self-sacrifice and simple living I will seek every year to make it a celebration, a time of self-indulgence and extravagance; fourth, as at the time of His birth His earthly parents paid tribute to law and order by enrolling themselves to be taxed, I will counsel anarchy during Christmas and have every known law violated. And this year, as his biggest Christmas joke so far, Satan will offer the world peace on the terms and at the hands of the greatest criminal that has ever lived. But if earth's freemen have the spirit of "White Christmas," namely, the desire to pass good gifts on to future generations, they will say to the Kaiser: "We will not accept your peace of chains and slavery, and we will rather die fighting you and be transferred to some other world than live under hellish reign."

## WILLOUGHBY PRESBYTERIAN.

Sunday school at 9:45.

Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., by the pastor, Rev. W. B. Strong.

Christian Endeavor at 6 p. m.  
Christmas services Monday evening at 7 o'clock. Christmas ladder. Good program. The public is invited.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST.

East Jackson street, Albany.

J. Pettet Ezell, minister.

Bible study at 10 a. m.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

We welcome the public to all services.

## Soldiers Appreciate

"Y" and Red Cross

R. E. Kirkland arrived yesterday from Camp Pike, Ark., having been discharged on account of his eyesight. He reports the soldier boys from Albany and Decatur faring well and pleased with army life. Mr. Kirkland says the work of the Y. M. C. A. has made for the soldiers everything possible in the way of home life and is a grand organization that is appreciated by those in camp. He says the work of the Red Cross will also ever be remembered by those at the front.

The kind of LaValliers  
the ladies admire, at

THORNTON'S

## Voice of the People

Albany-Decatur Daily.

Will you kindly publish the following for the benefit of your readers who have registered:

Article 151, paragraph (a) of instructions governing selection of registered men states, in part, as follows:

"Upon presentation to a recruiting officer, of a certificate by his local board to the effect that his class and order number are so low that he is not within the current quota of his local board, any registrant may voluntarily enlist in the navy or in the marine corps."

Since practically every local board in the state has filled its current quota, this clause will enable most of the men who have registered to enlist voluntarily before another quota is assigned.

As the navy needs many thousands more men it is absolutely necessary that they be told this so that they can be given a chance to volunteer in the naval service.

The above is contrary to the general impression that the navy is filled up and that no more registered men may enlist. The navy needs more men and they can enlist. You will be doing us a great service if you will tell them so.

Thanking you for this and for past favors, I am,

Very truly,

J. E. MEREDITH.

Lieutenant U. S. Navy Recruiting Officer, Montgomery, Ala.

The Wondrous Season.  
Christmas—the same old story;  
Sweet with its sweet old way;  
The gifts and the songs and glory,  
The spirit of youth and play,  
Christmas—the faded Santa,  
The tree with its magic light,  
The stars and the drums and trumpets,  
The toys and the tinsel bright.

Christmas—no change forever;  
The letters to good old Kris,  
The arms of the little children  
And the lips that are sweet to kiss.  
Christmas—the changeless beauty,  
Older, and still so young  
With its glory of childhood spirit  
And its tales of the fairy tongue.

Christmas—the streets to show it,  
The shops with their brilliant sight;  
The windows of charm to glow it,  
The festive and magic light,  
Christmas—and still appealing  
With its utter glory to men  
As over their gray hearts stealing  
Their boyhood comes again.

Christmas—the same old blessing,  
The holy and lovely spell  
Of tenderest trust and confessing,  
And the glory of all things well.  
Christmas—the wondrous reason,  
As fresh in its joy today  
As it was in the vanished visions  
Of the childhoods far away.  
—Baltimore Sun.

## Electricity Stays On "Lightless" Evenings

No Necessity for Buying Lamps, Manager Beauchamp Explains.

The electric current furnished by the Alabama Power Company will not be turned off on "lightless nights." This statement was made today by Manager Beauchamp to correct a misunderstanding that is said to be so general that it has pulled the lamp market, as many householders are getting ready to use kerosene twice a week.

The fuel administration has only decreed that the white ways and electric signs shall be turned off on Sunday and Thursday nights, it is explained. The responsibility for turning off the electric signs rests with the merchant, as the current will be supplied just the same by the power company. House lights will be as available as ever, the fuel administration having appealed to householders only to avoid waste and extravagance.

## See Us Quick

We sell cotton seed meal, hulls, bran, shorts, shucks, hay, oats and corn. Call us for Quick Delivery. We buy corn and grain from the farmer at the highest market price.

## LYLE-TAYLOR GRAIN CO.

Office 252-254 East Moulton. Mill 1 Block South of Court House.

A bank is usually what the men back of it make it. Its strength depends largely upon their experience, judgment and responsibility; its growth upon the time, thought and effort they devote to its interest.

The directors of this bank are deeply interested in the stability and progress of the institution and keep in constant touch with every detail of its affairs.

There is no better proof of the splendid results of such able direction than the steady development of this institution.

MORGAN COUNTY NATIONAL BANK  
ALBANY, ALA.

Deposits Nov. 20, 1917 (Comptroller's Call)	\$518,876.52.
" Nov. 20, 1916	409,059.13.
" Nov. 20, 1915	320,034.31.
" Nov. 20, 1914	250,308.87.

## Mr. Farmer -- Greeting

AT THE APPROACH OF THE YULETIDE SEASON I TAKE THIS means of expressing my thanks and appreciation to my many friends and customers in North Alabama for the part they have played in making the year 1917 a very successful one for me.

And while we are gathered together at this joyous season it seems not inappropriate to me to say a few words about the Cotton situation in Albany today as compared to what it was a few years ago.

Mr. Farmer, do you realize that I am the man who put the Cotton Market on the streets of Albany? Do you remember that formerly when you brought your Cotton to this market that it was customary for you to climb steps, one after another, endeavoring to get a bid on your cotton, and when you did get a bid, it was impressed upon you that it was an accommodation to you.

Isn't it a fact?

I have been in this county for the past 18 years, and have every intention of remaining here. You will always find me ready to buy anything you have to sell, such as

Cotton, Hides, Furs, Junk, Iron, Roots and am now specializing on  
CRACKED COTTON BOLLS

I am here to give you a square deal, and am satisfied with a small margin of profit. This is proven by the following facts:

I have always bought your cotton regardless of embargos, ships blown up, delayed railway service, rain or shine. Nothing stopped me and at times when you thought that you would have to haul your cotton back home, I was your last resort. The reason for this is that I save charges and re-handling in many cases by shipping direct to the spinner.

While I have done this and more, I do not wish to claim all of the credit for making the cotton market in Albany. My competitors have done their share and deserve credit for same.

Thanking you for past favors and hoping to be favored with your future business, I will close with heartiest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year

Yours very truly

## A. BERNSTEIN

The Live Cotton Buyer

Large line of Sleeve Buttons, Scarf Pins and Tie Clasps, at  
**THORNTON'S**

Mahogany Serving Trays  
the nice kind, at  
**THORNTON'S**

If you want  
what you  
want when you  
want it—in the  
printing line—  
**WE HAVE IT!**

## WANTS

HELP WANTED, REAL ESTATE and HOMES FOR SALE, LOST or FOUND, LOANS ETC.  
All Want Ads Cash in Advance.

No advertisement taken for less than 25 cents  
15 words, 1 time..... 25c  
15 words, 3 times..... 50c  
25 words, 1 week..... \$1.00  
25 words, 1 mo..... \$3.00  
50 words, 1 time..... 50c  
50 words, 3 times..... \$1.00  
50 words, 1 week..... \$2.00  
50 words, 1 mo..... \$5.00

## "WANT ADS"

Must Be Paid for in Advance.

Money must accompany all advertisements for the "Want Column." Read the price card at head of this column, figure the cost and remit to the Albany-Decatur Daily. This does not apply to merchants having open accounts.  
W. R. SHELTON, Manager.

DR THORNHILL has the prescription in 6%, 7% and 8% money in \$500 to \$40,000 loans on farm and city property; 50% valuation. Office 501; Second avenue. Phone 115, Albany.

New Morgan County Building and Loan Association has never yet foreclosed until after six months stoppage of payments, unless desired by debtor to clear title, etc. Information at Decatur Land Company office and City National Bank.

LOST—On Bank street, one 5-dollar bill and one 10 dollar bill. Finder will please return to Miss Mary Love, Ninth avenue west. Phone Decatur 285 and receive reward. 1t

FOR TRADE—Pair of fine draft horses for house and lot. James L. Echols. 22-3t

Nice lot of dressed shoats for sale, to sell whole or half shoot. Phone 274-J Albany or see J. W. Orr. 21-3t

PEAS WANTED—Highest market price paid for Whippoorwill, clay and other peas. Decatur Feed & Grain Co. Phone Decatur 55. 21-3t

JUST RECEIVED—Word to loan \$100,000.00 on farm and city property, at 7% on 56% valuation. See Thornhill about your finances. Phone 115. 21-3t

BE a spirit medium; give readings, heal the sick; \$10 course only 31, postpaid. Rev. F. A. Thomas, Medium-Rev. 20 Bickerstaff St., Boston, Mass. 19-6t

FOR SALE—One Ford runabout converted to light truck, bargain if taken quick. Patterson Mercantile Co. 19-4t

FOR SALE—Entire grocery stock, composed of fresh groceries, counters, shelving and fixtures; will sell for cost and carriage. This is a close-out sale and a bargain. J. L. Nicholson, 406 Second avenue, Albany, Ala. 19-6t

CANE SEED WANTED—We pay highest market price for cane seed. Decatur Feed & Grain Co. Phone Decatur 55. 21-3t

BEST COW FEED in town for sale, \$2.00 per hundred. Decatur Feed & Grain Co. Phone 55 Decatur. 21-4t

FOR SALE—Jersey cow with young calf. 130 Seventh avenue, west, J. B. Clifton. 6-tf

WOOD FOR SALE—Heater or stove wood. Call Wilder Place, 124 Albany. M 31-yr

FOR SALE—One platform spring, cut-under wagon; new running gear. Lide Hardware Co. Phone 140 Decatur. 21-tf

WE LOAN money on anything of value, personal and endorsed notes a specialty. Black Loan Co. Room 10, over Postoffice, Decatur, Ala. Phone 187. 18-1t

OFFICE BOY—Address F, care of this office. 18-tf

FOR RENT—Apartment, corner Walnut and Canal, Decatur. A. D. Jervis. 3-tf

## Fire Insurance

See us today and protect your property against loss by fires.

L. B. Wyatt & Son  
Morgan Cr. Nat'l. Bank Bldg.  
Phone Albany 197

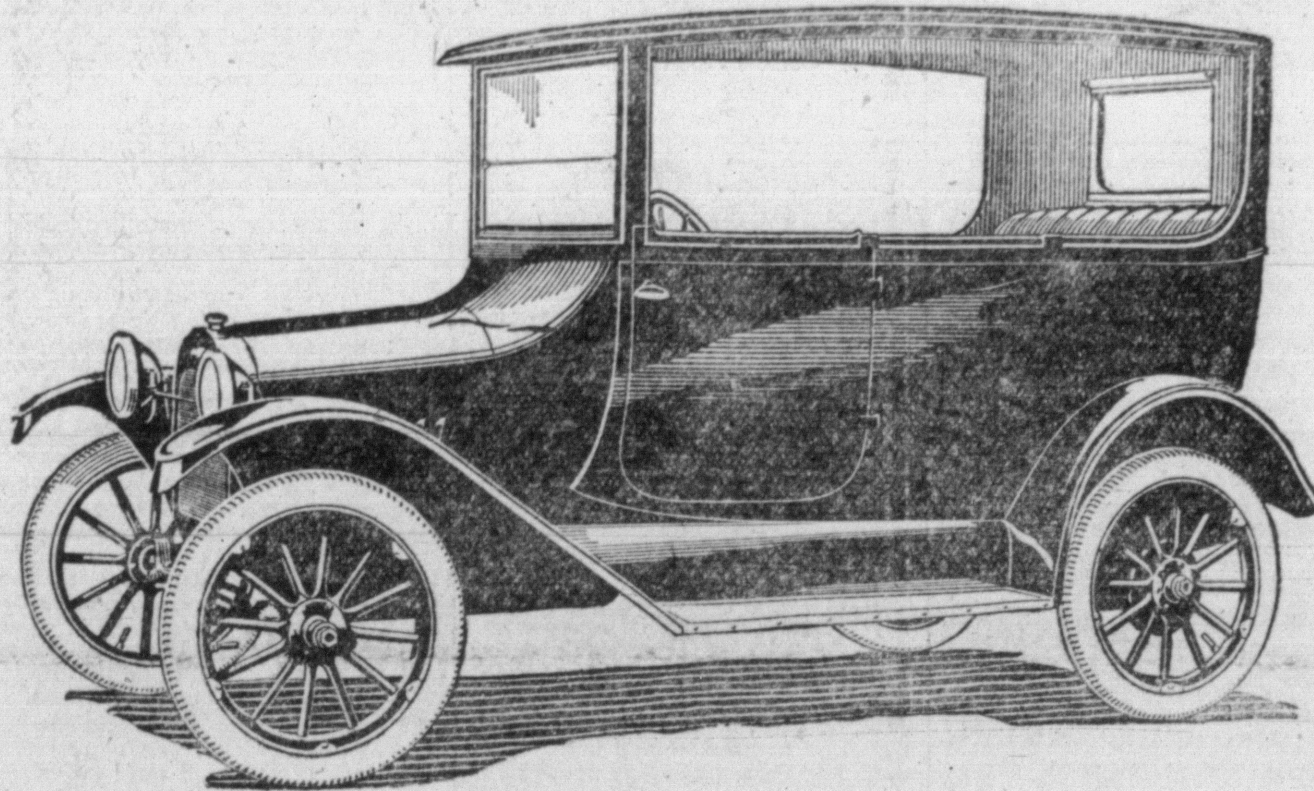




# CHRISTMAS

## GIFT

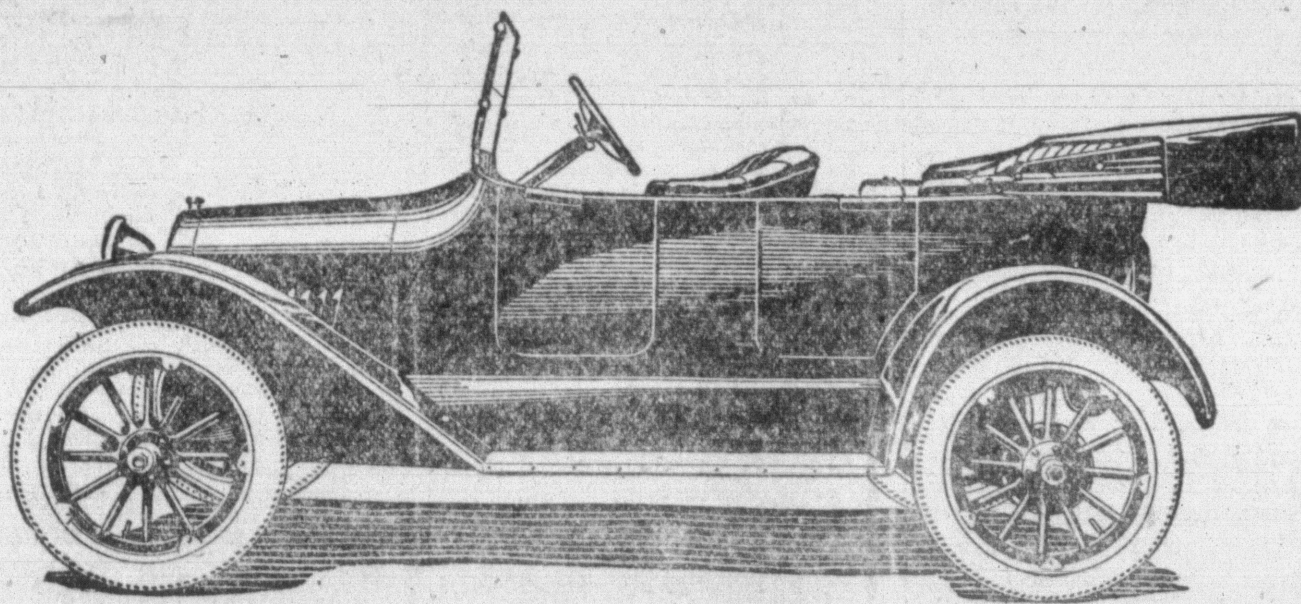
### For The Whole Family



\$1175.00 DELIVERED

You Will Miss It If You Fail to See Our

## SHOW WINDOW



\$695.00 DELIVERED

## Malone Coal, Grain and Motor Company

Phones 12 and 13

Albany, Alabama.

"Malone Gives Service"





## Bracelet Watches At Thornton's

I have an elegant line Cameo  
Brooches at the right prices  
**J. W. THORNTON**

## DIAMONDS AT THORNTON'S

### "A SPLENDID TONIC"

Says Hixson, Lady Who, On Doc-  
tor's Advice, Took Cardui  
and Is Now Well.

Hixson, Tenn.—"About 10 years ago  
I was..." says Mrs. J. B. Gadd, of  
this place. "I suffered with a pain in  
my left side, could not sleep at night  
with this pain, always in the left  
side..."

My doctor told me to use Cardui. I  
took one bottle, which helped me and  
after my baby came, I was stronger  
and better, but the pain was still  
there.

I at first let it go, but began to get  
weak and in a run-down condition,  
so I decided to try some more Cardui,  
which I did.

This last Cardui which I took made  
me much better, in fact, cured me. It  
has been a number of years, still I  
have no return of this trouble.

I feel it was Cardui that cured me,  
and I recommend it as a splendid re-  
medy.

Don't allow yourself to become  
weak and run-down from womanly  
troubles. Take Cardui. It should sur-  
ely help you, as it has so many thou-  
sands of other women in the past 40  
years. Headache, backache, sideache,  
nervousness, sleeplessness, tired-out  
feeling, are all signs of womanly trou-  
ble. Other women get relief by taking  
Cardui. Why not you? All druggists  
sell it.

Advertising. NC-152 17-8t

### BRITISH NAVAL HERO HERE



Vice Admiral Montague E. Brown,  
commander of the British naval  
forces in the western Atlantic, photo-  
graphed at the Charleston navy yard.  
He was one of the chief figures in the  
battle of Jutland, where he lost his  
left arm.

### Husband and Wife Die Within a 12-Hour Period

S. W. Donaldson and his wife died  
on Thursday within twelve hours of  
each other at the residence of G. C.  
Morris, 1407 Sixth avenue, south. Mr.  
Donaldson succumbed at 12:40 a. m.  
Thursday, and Mrs. Donaldson at 12:40  
p. m. on the same day, paralysis being  
the cause of death of the husband  
and heart trouble that of the wife.  
They were about 65 years of age and  
greatly esteemed by a large circle of  
friends. They are survived by a  
daughter, Mrs. Grace Stinson, of Kan-  
sas City, and two sons, Harley, of  
Mt. Roswell, Ala., and Harper A., of  
Birmingham, Tenn.

Have you joined the Red Cross?  
All you need a heart and a dollar.

## Ambulance Drivers in Paris Unable Return Home--No Civilian Clothes

(By HENRY G. WALES.)  
International News Service Staff  
Correspondent.

Paris, Dec. 22.—More than two hun-  
dred American youths, formerly vol-  
unteer ambulance drivers for the Am-  
erican Field Service, the Norton-  
Harcjes and Red Cross organizations,  
have been sent back to the United  
States through the activities of the  
American provost marshal and mili-  
tary police in Paris.

The carrying out of the orders to  
drive every ex-ambulance boy out of  
uniform and into civilian clothes and  
to force his departure from France  
immediately worked financial hard-  
ships among a few of them. Nearly  
all of the youths who have been in  
Paris came over following the pas-  
sage of the compulsory military ser-  
vice law in the United States, prefer-  
ring to drive ambulances to service  
in the trenches.

Then the United States army, in the  
person of Colonel Grayson M. P.  
Murphy, took over the American Field  
Service and the Norton-Harcjes Am-  
erican Red Cross and announced that  
drivers to remain the units must en-  
list in the army. Many of the drivers  
did enlist, but a certain number re-  
fused, and when their three months'  
enlistments expired left and came to  
Paris. It is these men, who evaded  
the draft in America, that the provost  
marshal sought to send home.

More innocent victims of the order,  
however, were older men who had  
served some time as ambulance driv-  
ers and who did not wish to tie up  
for the duration of the war. A num-  
ber of these men are well over thir-  
ty-one years of age, the extreme limit  
at which they are liable for draft.  
Some of these had long since worn  
out and thrown away what civilian  
clothing they had brought to France  
with them and had no garments left to  
wear except the uniforms of the am-  
bulance organizations to which they  
had belonged.

"I wanted to wait around Paris for  
a few weeks to see if I could pick up  
a good job here," one ambulance driv-  
er said. He had been with the Amer-  
ican ambulance for three years, since  
the first months of the war. He could  
not pass the strict medical examina-  
tion for the United States army. "I  
gave up a good position to come to  
France, and do what I could," he con-  
tinued. "I am a bachelor and it  
didn't make much difference to me.  
Now they tell me I can't wear the old  
ambulance uniform any more and  
must take the first boat home. A new  
outfit of civilian clothes is going to  
cost me about 500 francs here (\$100),  
which, with prices up so high, is  
twice what I could get it for in New  
York. Besides, I have clothing in  
New York, but they won't let me wear  
the uniform even until I get there."

### Notice to Registrants

In compliance with requests from  
the war department, the bar of Mor-  
gan county have assumed the task of  
aiding and aiding, to the best of their  
ability, the registrants in the matter  
of making proper answers to the  
many questions included in what is  
called the Questionnaire.

Accurate answers to these questions  
is a matter of supreme importance to  
the registrants and to the country.  
The reasons are obvious and too  
lengthy to be here stated.

The bar, together with many lead-  
ing citizens selected by the bar as  
assistants, will meet the registrants  
at the court house Monday morning,  
Dec. 17, 1917, and each day thereafter  
during the time limit of twenty days,  
and some member of the bar will  
commencing Monday, Dec. 17, at 10:30  
o'clock, deliver a lecture on this  
questionnaire, and provoke a discussion  
with a view to enlightening regis-  
trants, who are earnestly urged to at-  
tend thoroughly study the list of  
questions as received by them, and  
be so prepared that the answers of  
those requiring assistance may be  
disposed of with the utmost prompt-  
ness; otherwise, many who require  
assistance will be detained for sev-  
eral days. As there are several hun-  
dred questions to be answered, un-  
less the answers are carefully con-  
sidered in advance, those requiring  
assistance cannot possibly receive it  
within the time limit. Registrants  
should make special preparation with  
reference to the following:

**Section 1.**  
The chief of the fire department  
shall have general command, super-  
vision and control of said depart-  
ment; he shall attend all fires or  
alarms fully equipped, and he shall  
have sole directions of the operation  
of the department and shall be li-  
able to fine of one (\$1) dollar for non-  
attendance without a good excuse,  
which will be deducted from his sal-  
ary. He shall at all times look after  
the fire horses, fire wagons, fire hose  
and other fire equipment or apparatus  
connected with said fire department  
and see that the same is at all times  
in proper condition, and he shall  
promptly report any insufficiency of  
the fire equipment to the Mayor of  
this City, who shall promptly see that  
the same is supplied.

**Section 2.**  
The fire chief shall keep an accu-  
rate account of all fires and alarms  
given and the origin or the supposed  
origin of the fire, and amount of loss  
incurred and the amount of insur-  
ance on the damaged or destroyed  
property. He shall on the first day of  
January of each year, make a full re-  
port to the City Council of the num-  
ber of fires and the alarms in the pre-  
ceding year and origin or supposed  
origin of the same, and estimated  
amount of loss incurred, and the  
amount of insurance on the damaged  
or destroyed property. He shall also  
make a report or account of the con-  
dition of the fire equipment or appar-  
atus, and he shall submit for the con-  
sideration of the Council, such rec-  
ommendation he may have with the  
respect to the improvement thereof.

**Section 3.**  
It is hereby made the duty of the  
fire chief to inspect all premise,  
buildings, cellars and all other places  
within this City, upon which or in  
which he may have cause to believe  
that combustibles, inflammables, or  
explosives are kept, deposited or sup-  
posed to be kept or deposited and to  
this end authority is hereby conferred  
upon him to enter upon any premises,  
or into any building, cellar or into  
any other place, when he had cause to  
believe that combustibles, inflamma-  
bles or explosives are kept or de-  
posited or supposed to be kept or de-  
posited.

**Section 4.**  
The fire chief shall file with the  
City Clerk for the inspection of all  
persons concerned monthly reports of  
his acts and doings in making the  
inspection required by section three  
hereof. He shall give the location of  
each premise, building, cellar or other  
place inspected and the name of the  
occupant of the premise combustible,  
inflammable or explosive materials  
are kept and deposited and the quan-  
tities usually kept.

Adopted December 18, 1917.

Attest—

HENRY HARTUNG,  
City Clerk.

I hereby approve the foregoing or-  
dinance this 19th day of Decem-  
ber, 1917.

E. C. PAYNE, Mayor.

ing citizens selected by the bar as  
assistants, will meet the registrants  
at the court house Monday morning,  
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should make special preparation with  
reference to the following:

1. Each occupation followed for  
the previous ten years, the order in  
which these various vocations have  
been pursued, and the length of time  
spent at each.

2. The number of hours per week  
worked in each since May 18, 1917.

3. In what occupation registrant  
considers himself most proficient.

4. Length of service in any mili-  
tary organization, which would prob-  
ably include such organizations as  
uniformed, Rank Knights of Pythias,  
Knights Templar, etc.

5. The branch of the army prefer-  
red by registrant, whether artillery,  
aviation, engineer corps, infantry,  
medical department, ordnance depart-  
ment, quartermaster corps.

6. Names and addresses of physi-  
cians consulted within the last twelve  
months, and dates of treatment.

7. Give relationship and address of  
each person dependent upon regis-  
trant's labor directly or indirectly, in  
whole or in part, for support.

8. The average monthly amount  
contributed separately to support of  
wife and children, and each and every  
other total or partial dependent dur-  
ing the last twelve months.

9. Names, ages and addresses of  
brother, father, mother, uncle, aunt.

10. The amount of your real es-  
tate.

11. Figure total income from all  
sources during last twelve months,  
whether cash or anything else of value,  
together with the value of what  
may have produced, other than cash  
wages.

12. Statement of all your property  
of every kind, and net income from  
property. This is distinct from net  
income from wages or labor or busi-  
ness.

13. Whether registrant, or any of  
his family or dependents, own the  
house registrant lives in. If so, the  
registrant should be prepared to state  
the amount paid as taxes on real es-  
tate during the last year; amount of  
taxes paid on personal property; also  
income tax, as well as the amount  
and nature of all incumbrances, and  
money or property owned or held in  
trust for any person named as a de-  
pendent; also the earnings of each  
dependent, name, where employed and  
for what period employed.

14. Necessary amount for the sup-  
port of all dependents.

15. Whether registrant's wife has  
been employed during any portion of  
the last twelve months; period of em-  
ployment, date, nature of work, na-  
ture of work and amount of earnings;  
whether she has ever been employed or  
not; whether she is trained or  
skilled in any calling whatever; also  
the condition of her health.

16. If registrant lives with any de-  
pendent, the amount paid as board  
or subsistence to them, or others  
must be stated.

17. State education, training and ex-  
perience for work registrant is now  
doing.

18. Net earnings from any business  
enterprise during the past twelve  
months.

19. If a farm or industrial laborer,  
registrant must state whether he is  
skilled or unskilled, and how long  
worked on the farm where now work-  
ing, or in the industrial enterprise  
where now engaged.

20. How much, if any at all, the  
amount of products of the farm ex-  
ceed the amount consumed by all per-  
sons working it and their families,

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### PROGRAM.

1. SONG—By Story Telling Pupils.
2. READING—My Dollie.....Adelle Polytinsky
3. STORY—The Christ Child.....Louise Neill
4. SONG—By Story Telling Pupils.
5. READING—Christmas Shopping.....Jane Odom
6. SONG—O, Bounteous Love.....Bessie Brown
7. Reading—Peace On Earth.....Evelyn Wade
8. SONG—Thy Will Be Done.....Mrs. W. L. Wade
9. READING—Just Before Christmas.....Louise Neill
10. DIET.....Merle Freeman and Miss Kimbrough
11. READING—The Christmas Quilt of Happiness.....Lucile Patterson
12. SONG—The Song That Will Never Die.....Bessie Brown

## AMUSEMENTS

Clara Kimball Young in "The Price  
She Paid," at Masonic Saturday.

The evolution of a strong, self-suf-  
ficient woman out of a social but-  
terfly is seen in "The Price She Paid,"  
which will be the Selznick-Picture  
feature at the Masonic theatre next  
Saturday. Miss Clara Kimball Young,  
whose popularity with the moving pic-  
ture public increases constantly, is  
the star of this offering, appearing as  
Mildred Gower, a young woman  
who has been used to luxury, but finds  
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death of her father.

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this popular story, has shown in real  
colors the problems which confront  
thousands of women every year. There  
is the temptation to marry for money;  
the temptation to purchase ease at  
the price of self-respect, and other  
sorts of "easiest ways." But Mildred  
Gower is shown to be a young woman  
who cherishes certain high  
ideals, and will not, when it comes  
to the crisis, pay the necessary price  
for sheltered existence.

She does marry for money, but she  
leaves her wealthy husband when she  
realizes the humiliation of her posi-  
tion. She does accept help from a  
man who, she knows, loves her, but  
again comes to an understanding of  
what it means, and again strikes out  
for herself. How she achieves her  
ambition forms one of the most fas-  
inating of fiction and screen stories.  
It is the story of a woman's life, and  
reveals secret emotions in a man-  
ner seldom encountered in the photo-  
drama.

together with the approximate cost of  
production, including labor and fertil-  
izer, and why registrant cannot be re-  
placed by another person.

21. There are eighty-seven occu-  
pations listed, and registrant will be  
asked as to his experience in each  
and all of them. You should, there-  
fore, be prepared to state the length  
of time devoted to every occupation,  
whether regular or fitful, and the de-  
gree of skill and aptitude acquired at  
each, and at which, if any, the regis-  
trant considers himself an expert.

He should also be able to locate  
himself with reference to the sub-  
divisions. For illustration, the list  
includes bookkeeper, accountant, cler-  
ical work, stenographer, typewriter  
and others, which all might come un-  
der the head of clerical work, and a  
bookkeeper might be an accountant.

There is not space to indicate one-  
tenth the number of questions regis-  
trant will be required to answer. The  
lawyers cannot answer for you un-  
less you supply the data, and it will  
take prolonged study in some in-  
stances, and much refreshing of the  
recollection to be prepared to give  
the necessary answers, or the material  
for formulating them. The task of  
making answers will be greatly  
lightened by a prompt and constant  
attendance upon the lectures until  
each registrant's answers have been  
completed.

There are no longer any such things  
as exemptions. According to their  
answers, registrants are graded into  
certain classes, and the men of each  
class will all be called, and the class  
exhausted before the men of the next  
succeeding class are called, and all  
men of each class are liable to be  
called if it is necessary to the com-  
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## Benevolent Hospital

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We have to announce the sad death of Mrs. J. A. Stout of Tusculum.

W. Turney of Falkville, is recovering from the effects of a self-inflicted knife wound, the result of trying to cut loose the halter of a factious mule.

It is with grateful satisfaction that the hospital has received from a former patient the last of a number of payments of a large bill. There is no doubt but if all patrons had been as conscientious, the four hundred dollars now on our books would have been reduced to about three hundred.

O. F. Wright, aged 84 years, is very low and his recovery is doubtful.

### ORDINANCE NO. 345.

Be is ordained by the City Council of the City of Albany as follows, to-wit:

#### Section 1.

That any building or structure, or a part of any building or structure which is now maintained or which may hereafter be maintained within the corporate limits of this City, in such condition as that it is liable to fall or collapse and thereby injure one or more persons or thereby injure or destroy property, or the fall or collapse of which may result in injury to the public in any manner whatsoever, is hereby declared a nuisance, and as such it may be abated in the manner hereinafter authorized.

#### Section 2.

If the City Council of this City is advised or informed that any building or structure or part of a building or structure is maintained in such a way as that its maintenance constitutes a nuisance as defined in section one hereof, it shall make an order or adopt a resolution to that effect, and said Council shall cause a notice to be issued and served upon the owner to appear before said Council upon a day fixed by it in its order or resolution to show cause why said building or structure or part of building or structure should not be declared a nuisance and should not be abated as such.

#### Section 3.

Upon the day or date named in said order or resolution or at any adjourn meeting, the Council shall proceed to hear evidence and determine whether or not the building or structure or part of building or structure is a nuisance, within the provisions of section one hereof, and in determining this fact, said Council shall hear such evidence as is offered by the City and such evidence as is offered by the owner of the property, whether said evidence is oral or written, and from said evidence it shall ascertain and determine whether or not the building or structure or part of building or structure is maintained in such a way as that its maintenance constitutes a nuisance as defined in section one hereof, and if it ascertains and determines that such building or structure or part of building or structure, is maintained in such a way as that it constitutes a nuisance, then it shall make an order or adopt a resolution declaring that the building or structure or part of building or structure is a nuisance and by such order or resolution, it shall order the abatement of such building or structure or part of building or structure, and it shall further in such order or resolution give the owner a reasonable time to be fixed by it in said order or resolution within which to abate said nuisance and remove the building or structure or part of building or structure, and it shall further provide in such order or resolution that if the owner does not abate the nuisance, and destroy the building or structure or part of building or structure, within the term fixed by the order or resolution, then the City will of its own motion and by its own employees abate said nuisance by removing said building or structure or part of building or structure and assess the cost thereof against the owner of such building.

#### Section 4.

It is hereby made unlawful for any person to use any building or structure or part of building or structure after the same has been declared a nuisance as authorized in this ordinance, and anyone thereafter, using such building or structure or part of building or structure, shall be fined not exceeding one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

Adopted December 18, 1917.

Attest—

HENRY HARTUNG, Clerk.

I hereby approve the foregoing ordinance this 19th day of December, 1917.

E. C. PAYNE, Mayor.

If you can't go across, come across. Join the Red Cross. 17-6t

# What Have You Got For Me SANTA CLAUS?



#### Christmas Greens.

A quaint old writer thus spiritualizes the practice of Christmas decorations. "So our churches and houses, decked with bays and rosemary, holly and ivy and other plants which are always green, winter and summer, signify and put us in mind of his Deity—that the child that now is born was God and man, who should spring up like a tender plant, should always be green and flourishing and should live forevermore."

#### Christmas Means Love.

We cannot picture it without seeing the spangled Christmas tree girt with the faces of gleeful youngsters, glad parents and happy bodies returned home from town or far metropolis. It sounds like bells and crackling logs and shouts of children. And even our old, round shouldered, sorrow ridden planet, with his eye knocked out on his cheek, pauses to smile from sea to sea, and love is everywhere rejuvenated.—James Whitcomb Riley.

## President Wilson Commends Alabama's Fight With Tuberculosis

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

14 November, 1917

My dear Doctor Eaves:

May I not take the liberty of expressing to you my deep interest in the work you are doing in Alabama and my sincere admiration of the spirit and efficiency with which it has been conducted? It is a cause in which the whole nation should be, and I believe is, interested. It is certainly one which is in the view of every thoughtful person of the most serious consequence to the whole country.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Dr. George Eaves, Secretary,  
Alabama Anti-Tuberculosis League,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

The Alabama Anti-Tuberculosis League is the only instrument in this State to fight tuberculosis, which disease is the chief destroyer of life in the State. Approximately one in six of all Alabamians dies of it. People think it to be inherited, always fatal and unavoidable. That is a mistake. It is seldom inherited, generally avoidable, and is curable if discovered early by a capable physician. Since these facts became known in 1882 many states have cut down their tuberculosis deaths by about one-half. But Alabama has not done this. Her children are still growing up in constant danger and the stream of death flows on. Why? Because this is the people's job and not the doctor's alone. Tuberculosis flourishes through infection from neglected, careless consumptives.

Every patient needs careful instruction. He may get well even at home and without danger to others if properly managed. To teach him how to live, the Alabama League wants the means to offer him SAVING KNOWLEDGE. It sells Red Cross Seals to pay for spreading that knowledge. The best way to spread that knowledge is through capable, trained

visiting nurses. Such a nurse should be within the reach of all. The League will employ as many such nurses as it has funds for.

This is a HUMANE and PURELY BUSINESS PROPOSITION. And that is why President Wilson is interested. It is good patriotism. Buy Seals. Send in money more than the Seals call for. Join the League as a sustaining member (\$5.00 a year) or at least as an associate member (\$2.00 a year). Help the League to protect your family, your neighbors, your friends. If everyone would do his part, the miseries and bereavements and despair wrought by tuberculosis in this fair State of Alabama could soon be reduced, as has been done in Canada, in England, in Australia, and in many states of this great and splendid America.

Mr. Wilson knows these things, and that is why he has found time in these trying days to write us the above letter. The Alabama Anti-Tuberculosis League has its headquarters in the Empire building, Birmingham. If no one in your neighborhood is selling seals, write them and get some and make your neighbors take an interest. The League needs an agent in every county and in every community. Who will serve? It is for God and Home and Native Land.

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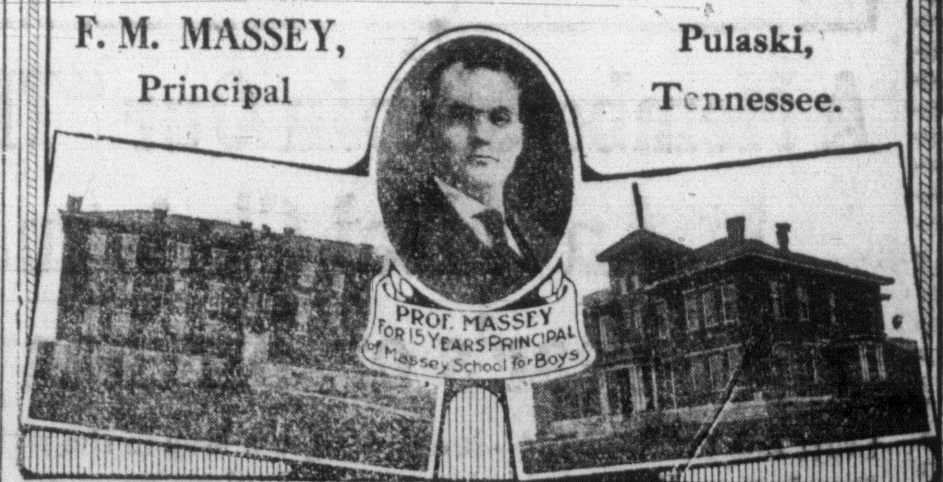
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Not Until "Next Christmas."

It was said the other day by an old southerner in Washington that no home loving Virginian ever would move "until after the next Christmas." The next Christmas comes and goes, but there is still another to come, and the moving is put off and happily will be put off until the holiday spirit has gone from the South, a spirit that will go when the South goes.—New York Evening Post.

## What Others Like to Eat at Christmastide

SPAIN loves her turkeys. Nor does she find it necessary to run them to death on the farms in order to make their meat tender, for the fowls are driven into town from long distances, and their feet are tarred to withstand the hardness of the roads. For three days before Noche Buena the streets of the cities and villages are thick with squawking poultry and bleating lambs and kids that are destined for the slaughter.

Cuba fattens up her turkeys on walnuts to make their flesh more toothsome. Mexico grinds the cooked turkey to a paste, which is mixed with chili, raisins, currants, wine and a few other ingredients into what is called mole de guajolote. France, too, although she shows her partiality for turkeys by cramming them with truffles, coquettes with her Christmas menu. Now she throws her scarf to blood red sausage, fat and juicy; now to stewed hare with unfermented wine; again to pheasants, to huzen hens, to heath cocks.

In Brittany the home cured ham gives savor to the rye bread and to the chocolate porridge, especially dedicated to Noel. In Cuba baked hams, previously boiled in champagne and well sugared, vie for favor with a Spanish piece de resistance called "Mors and Christians." In reminiscence of a page in Spanish history, and made of black beans and rice.

In southern Italy eels, curled round with tail in mouth, defy time on the Christmas board by the emblem of eternity. In the smaller Italian cities on the day before Christmas the air is shrill and cries of kids being brought to market in panniers swung from donkey backs. Chickens, pigeons, tripe, boiling hot, are other dainties appropriate to the season, as well as turkeys, geese and calf's head.

German and Scandinavian countries are noted for the bounty of their Christmas cheer. In rural neighborhoods the tables are spread from Christmas to Epiphany. England, too, offers wide and varied hospitality. In Warwickshire, for instance, they serve roast crab apples with chine of pork and elder wine. Yorkshire has its frummenty, its Yule cakes and plum pudding. Scotland boasts one dish all her own—haddock, stuffed with oatmeal and onions.—Chicago Tribune.

## Christmas Gifts From The Woods

THE paper birch is an especial treasure, but we never cut the bark from a living tree, even when deep in the woods, unless we know that the wood is doomed to be cut at once. Too many ignorant or thoughtless people do not hesitate to strip the beautiful papery bark from the living tree, not realizing probably that the bark is needed to protect the running of the sap and that the outer bark, so smooth and silvery, will never renew itself. So, even if death does not immediately follow, the beauty of the tree is gone, said Orin Parker Phelps in the Housekeeper.

Once I found a dead tree from which I was able to slip several feet of bark in rings. This only needed to be separated into convenient sizes, fitted with tight bottoms, sewed in place by raffia or sweet grass, and lifting lids attached, to make boxes ready to fill with Christmas sweets.

In making laurel wreathing or garlanding we have found that by taking small twigs and winding one-on to another, using light picture wire as binding, the wreathing makes very rapidly and easily.

When the white pine cones fall we gather bushels of them. And such treasures as the cones are! In the open fire they make a glorious blaze—a fit background for wonderful fire castles—and as for kindlings they are absolutely unsurpassed.

Remembering that the two little cousins living on the Pacific coast once sent a barrel of the Western cones to a much loved poet, greatly to his delight, we tried sending a sack of cones, gayly decked with laurel, to a city friend who loves an open fire. In the very bottom was a small "chunk" with a paper bearing these words: "N. B.—This is a Yule Log." Another time an armful of the cone bearing branches of the red pine were sent to a friend.

But our especial Christmas gifts, the ones we send to the nearest and dearest, are our little Christmas trees. We take a day and go up to the mountain swamp where grew the cranberries, and there we choose wee, little shapely trees, getting them, so far as we can, from the deep shade of other trees, for these are doomed to an early death anyway. We fit each little spruce securely to a board, covering it with moss and trailing vines. Then we deck the tree. Of course the gifts must be tiny and varied to suit those to whom they go.

## This Lad Had a Real Christmas Tree

THE question of how to meet the needs of the education we wanted our boy to have with us from his birth, and it was my love of all kinds of trees which solved our problem," said the mother of a growing boy.

"He came near the Christmas season, and I wanted to do something to mark the wonderful event. My mind turned to trees. What could be more appropriate than to plant a tree and let this child of nature grow up with mine?"

"Then came the thought, 'Why not choose a fruit tree, something that will yield a tangible profit to be laid aside as the beginning of a fund for the boy's education?' And so the plan took shape, and as we live in a warm climate, a fruit tree was planted each year on Christmas day for the little one."

"Soon the lad was taking an active part in the ceremony, and by the time the first fruit appeared he was old enough to take a real delight in the proceeds of its sale, which went into his bank. A few years more found him in entire charge of a small orchard. His ever growing bank account has always been his own, subject to the inspection and advice of his father, who keeps before him the purpose for which it was started."

If you live where the climate prevents tree planting on Christmas-day could you not give your son the price of a fruit tree and let it be planted when the proper season arrives?—Philadelphia Ledger.

**Christmas Mystery Plays.** On their return from the Holy Land the pilgrims and crusaders brought new subjects for theatrical representation, founded on the objects of their devotion and incidents in their wars, and the early mysteries and other plays of Christmas, among them that of St. George and the dragon, which has survived to modern times, probably owe their origin to this period.

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## Men of Sixty Years Can Enlist in Guards

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Edward Gerald, a valued employee of the L. & N. shops today enlisted in the U. S. Guards, making the second enlistment at the Decatur station for this branch of the service.

The Decatur station has also been advised that men between the ages of 18 and 40 who are not registered will be accepted for any branch of the regular army.

**KAISER GIVING MILITARY AID TO BOLSHIEVSKI.** (International News Service.) Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—Military aid

is being given to the Bolsheviki at Petrograd by the Kaiser, it was reported in advices received today. It is asserted that the Bolsheviki delegates and representatives of the central powers who met at Brest-Litovsk entered into an agreement by which the Bolsheviki could use Austro-German prisoners of war in Russia. "In the event of the Bolsheviki government becoming imperiled."

The counter revolution against the Bolsheviki regime in southern Russia continues to gather force, and it is reported that Grand Duke Nicholas has thrown his lot with the anti-Bolsheviki forces and may be put in command of all the armies in the field against the Lenin-Trotsky adherents. Again, Kerensky has bobbed up in reports coming out of Russia, and he is now said to be marching toward Moscow at the head of a small force. Berlin and Petrograd are in constant wire communication.

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Suit Cases.....\$1.25 to \$10  
Fur Scarfs from.....\$6 up  
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Bath Robes.....\$2 to \$3  
Neckties.....25c to 75c  
Handkerchiefs.....5c to 75c  
Leggins.....50c  
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Ra Ra Silk Plush Hats.....75c  
Union Suits.....75c  
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Gloves.....25c to \$1  
Rain Coats.....\$3 to \$5  
Rain Hats.....50c to 75c

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Coats.....\$3.50 to \$15  
Sweater Coats.....\$1.50 to \$3.50  
Bath Robes.....\$2 to \$3  
Muslin and Outing Gowns.....59c to \$1  
Childs' size Umbrellas.....75c  
Rain Coats.....\$2.50 to \$4  
Rain Hats.....50c and 75c  
Buster Brown Shoes.....\$1.50 to \$4  
Silk Lisle Ribbed Hose.....25c and 35c  
Scarf Caps.....\$1.25 and \$1.50  
Tobogan Caps.....35c to \$1.50  
Knit Skating Sets.....\$1.25 to \$3.50  
Paul Jones Middy Blouse \$1.25 to \$2.50  
Cheaper Middies.....59c and \$1  
Middy Ties.....50c and 60c  
Windsor Ties.....25c and 50c  
Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs 15c and 25c  
Boudoir Slippers.....\$1.50  
Gloves.....25c and 50c  
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Kid Gloves as small as 5.....\$2.50  
Fur Sets from.....\$2.50 up

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Knit Sacques.....75c to \$2  
Embroidered Flannel and Serge Sacques.....75c to \$2  
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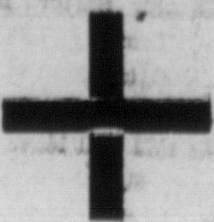
**GOES TO CAMP WHEELER.**  
(International News Service.)  
Washington, Dec. 22.—Major Gen. Francis H. French, national army, was today relieved of command of the 31st division, Camp Jackson, and assigned to command the 31st division at Camp Wheeler, Macon, Ga.

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Dying, on yon fields of France!  
Can thy daughters pass, unheeding.

With a cold, uncaring glance?  
Their country calls them to the colors!  
"Tis not theirs to "reason-why,"  
"Soldiers of Peace!" The Red Cross follows,  
Proving now, a strong ally.

"Is it nothing, all ye that pass by?"  
Christ on Calvary again!  
Hark ye, hear ye, the Christ commanding—  
Calls you now to ease men's pain!

Humanity demands allegiance;  
Pass ye on the "other side?"  
Rally women; the light is for freedom  
To the world, from Prussian pride.

Let no wounded, suffering soldier  
Lack of tender nursing feel—  
Join the fold of toiling workers,  
Put your shoulder to the wheel.  
—Margaret Cabell Gwathmey.

### SURPRISE PARTY

**FOR SADIE MAY SPEAKE.**  
Evelyn Wade, with a party of 25 friends, surprised Sadie May Speake at her home Friday evening. The occasion was the birth anniversary of the young lady.

The home had been prettily decorated in Christmas colors, and those making up the party were Annie B. Malone, Willie Feist Price, Eleanor Kenzie, Ruby White, Amanda Pride, John Bullard, Lucile Patterson, Madeline Troup, Elizabeth Gunn, Evelyn Wade, Ruth Hughes, Annie Lee Speake, Maxie Speake, Malcolm Adams, Hugh Stone, Adolph Feyerabend, Arthur Nesbit, Wanda McConnell, Harry Malone, Sam Hollingsworth, Joe Bell, John Patterson, James Wade, Fred Sheets.

After the delicious refreshments were served the dining room was opened and the guests invited to cut the birthday cake. John Bullard cut the dime; Harry Malone the button; John Patterson the thimble, and Sam Hollingsworth the ring. Mrs. Speake was assisted by Mrs. W. L. Wade.

### REV. AND MRS. W. N. SHOLL STORMED.

The laymen of the First Presbyterian church of Decatur did a pleasing thing Wednesday when they stormed their beloved pastor with a pantry party. Cans and paper sacks were in the arms of everyone, and a lovely Christmas gift it was.

Mrs. Willis Hughes and little daughter, Laura Frances, are at Tampa, Fla., to spend the holidays.

Edgar and Lola Nichols will arrive tonight from Birmingham to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Nichols.

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### THE WAR ROSARY.

I knit, I knit,  
I pray, I pray:  
My knitting is my rosary.  
And as I weave the stitches gray  
I murmur prayers continually.

Gray loop—a sigh,  
Gray knot—a wish,  
Gray row, a chain of prayer  
For thus to sit and knit and pray—  
This is of war the woman's share.

And so I knit,  
And thus I pray.

And keep repeating night and day,  
May God lead safely those dear feet  
That soon shall wear the web of gray.

Now and again  
A selfish strain;

But surely woman heart must yearn  
And pray sometimes that she may hear  
The sound of footsteps that return.

But if—O God,  
Not that. But if

It must be sacrifice complete,  
Then I will trust that afterwards  
Thou wilt guide Home those precious feet.

—Nellie Hurst in The Westminster.

## PERSONALS

Curtis Gover arrived from Nashville today, where he is a student of Vanderbilt University, to spend the holidays with homefolks.

D. C. Adams is home from Auburn for the holidays.

Prof. Ralph W. Cowart left this morning for his home at Troy, Ala., to spend the holidays.

Prof. Roy W. Kimbrough left this morning for Thomasville, Ala., to spend Christmas with homefolks.

Roy and Bert Murphree arrived last night from the University of Alabama to spend the holidays with homefolks.

John Snodgrass left yesterday for Jacksonville, Fla., to enter the quartermaster's corps of the army. Mr. Snodgrass has been a traveling representative of the Decatur Cornice and Roofing Company for some years, and his progress in the service of his country will be watched by many friends with much interest. He is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sanders.

Theodore Plemons is expected home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Plemons.

George Russell, the popular planter, is convalescent from an attack of lumbago.

Samuel Spencer, of Chattanooga, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. N. Sholl.

Lieut. John Brock of Ft. Oglethorpe, will arrive Sunday to spend the holidays with relatives.

M. S. Ellis left for Memphis today to spend Christmas with his son, Clyde Ellis.

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Men's and Ladies Umbrellas \$1.50 to \$10.00  
[gold and silver trimmings]  
Table Linens in sets. Odd  
Napkins [all linen]. Creton

knitting bags, fancy drawn work, Italian Renaissance in scarfs and centre pieces. Furs in sets. Silk hose. Silk underwear. Silk Sox. Men's ties, 50c. Hand bags. Kimonos  
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## Plots to Poison Cattle, Unearthed

(International News Service.)  
Chicago, Dec. 22.—Widespread plots to poison herds of cattle and droves of hogs throughout the United States, alleged to have been concocted by the I. W. W., are being investigated by government agents, according to reports here today. It is declared here the poison was being sent out from St. Louis.

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The story begins in the "Admiral Benbow Inn," Black Hill Cove, on the coast of England. Bill Bones (Herschel Mayall), a mysterious seaman, puts up at this inn, which is run by Mrs. Hawkins (Eleanor Washington), mother of Jim Hawkins (Francis Carpenter).

He has scarcely arrived when he is attacked by a number of other mysterious seamen who turn out to be pirates in search of a chart which Bill possesses. In the scuffle which follows, Jim gets possession of the chart and flees with it to the home of Squire Trelawney, father of Louis Trelawney (Virginia Corbin).

While the squire and Dr. Livesey ponder over the strange map, which is known among the pirates at "Flint's Fist," Jim is sent upstairs to sleep and to dream.

Jim and Louise go to Bristol. They charter the "Hispaniola," with a crew of what they consider carefully selected men. They start for the mysterious island outlined on Flint's "Fist," for a little red cross on the chart had beside it the luring words, "Bulk of treasure here."

On the way the two children learn that most of the crew they have hired had formerly sailed with the notorious Flint, one of the boldest pirates who ever lived. He had given this map to Bill Bones, his first mate, on his death bed in Savannah, Ga.

Then begins the series of exciting adventures known wherever the English language is read. After a long voyage, they reach the treasure island and Jim goes ashore with several pirates, headed by Long John Silver, while Louise stays aboard with Captain Smollett (Buddie Messenger).

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## The Christmas Rose.

was in Ireland I heard the beautiful legend of the Christmas rose. It is a story which has been told in the Philadelphia str. When the great night came the dark skies were suddenly lit up with the lights of heaven. The shepherds, gathered together their long, went with haste to find him. He had come to be the Light of the world. Great rough men, full of strength, they were, and each carried the lamb in his arms to lay at the feet of the Good Shepherd. But among them was one wee lad who had no

in his life long he had heard of the shepherds who were to come. The earth full of rumors that the time was at hand, and lying out on the side under the deep blue sky he had dreamed of that day, picturing himself close to him in many roles. Now that the moment was come he was alone, his tiny legs finding it a work to keep up with the swift, stride of the men.

So full of excitement was he that no light of self entered into his mind. As he came to the cave, saw the light star shining above and heard the songs of the angels he noticed his tiny hands.

How could he go into the presence of the newborn King when he had nothing to lay at his feet, he who had so willingly laid down his very life for him? He crept close to the manger, and, kneeling down in the white snow, he wept as though a little heart would break.

And, lo, the warm tears melted away the hard snow, and from beneath there came up the first Christmas rose, the gift of a little boy's love for the first child!

**The Good Old Customs.**  
By all means, so long as they will endure, let us cling to the old customs. Up with the holly, the box and the bay, set the plum pudding ablaze, lit the Christmas tree, scatter greetings broadcast through the land, ring at will bells to the wide sky and give encouragement to the carol singers. Christmas comes but once a year, and when it comes it makes us all kin and more or less kind. It is a truly happy festival, the time when we best understand what home means, the children's feast, when the old grow young again. Happy Christmas, then, to all.

**Christmas Carols at Nantucket.**  
The custom of singing Christmas carols in the streets still obtains at Nantucket. Every Christmas eve the school children march through the old cobbled streets of the town and sing their songs.

All the ancient houses are illuminated with candles in the windows, and the children always stop and serenade their favorites. It is very pretty to hear them, and they never forget to sing for what they call the "shut ins"—the folks who are ill and unable to get out and join the festivities.

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## Christmas Riddance

BY WILLIS BROOKS

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OUR village paper had issued a very creditable Christmas edition. I was looking over the news section by the front window. My wife sat near, absorbed in the story part.

"What's that?" she asked, listening. She was always on the lookout for more eggs. What she heard certainly did sound like a hen announcing the arrival of one-twelfth of a dozen.

"That," I answered, "is Ezra Barnstable in a state of amusement."

We looked through the window, and, sure enough, here he came down the street, an expansive smile illuminating his moonlike face.

"What on earth can the man be laughing so about all alone?" my wife wanted to know. "She was that way—never content to let a man be happy unless she knew the reason why."

So I went to the door and sang out to Ezra, "Isn't it kind of stingy to enjoy it all by yourself?"

When he had unwound the wool tip-pet from his neck and taken the rocking chair which the missis had set before the fireplace for him he leaned back and cut gashes in the atmosphere with another flourish of his sharp cachinations. "I've heard o' Santa Claus playin' tricks before now," said he, "but I don't guess he ain't never played none no funnier than this."

"It was like this: Three, four days ago my boy Chet come home with a rabbit—one o' them big white critters with the pink eyes—that he'd swapped off one o' his mittens to the one armed Mayhew boy fer. When he come in, luggin' the thing in his arms, his ma ast him whose it was, an' he said it was his an' its name was Jimmy an' Eddie Mayhew give it to him."

"Them Mayhew boys ain't givin' nothin' away fer nothin'," says she. "What'd you give him fer it?"

"Chet knowed he was cornered, so he owned up that he'd give Eddie one o' his wool mittens. 'I don't never wear but one much anyhow,' says he, 'an', besides, Eddie's a poor, an' armed boy, an' his hand was cold, an' it was comin' Chris'mus.'"

"I seen the look in his ma's eye, an' I felt sorry fer Chet, so I says, 'Chet,' says I, 'severe-like, 'you come to the barn along of me, like I was goin' to lick him.'"

"That satisfied his ma. So Chet an' me went to the barn an' made a box to keep the rabbit in. I knowed the thing'd freeze to death if he kep' it anywhere but in the house, an' I knowed his ma wouldn't listen to his doin' that, so I puts him up to gittin' rid of it by invitin' his Cousin Artie over fer Chris'mus an' givin' it to him fer a Chris'mus present."

"Artie, you know," Ezra explained, "is my wife's brother's boy. You remember my wife's brother, Dan Baker, over in Center township, the one that died an' left a widder with eight children?"

"Waal, when Chet told his ma what he was goin' to do she said he could keep the rabbit in the attic till Chris'mus an' not a minute longer. So he writ to Artie, an' this mornin' 'bright an' early here comes the hull family—Mis' Baker an' the hull eight children."

"Chet, he hadn't even got up yet, but I roused him out, an' when he come down he told Artie about the Jimmy rabbit he was goin' to give him. Then Mis' Baker chips in an' says she never 'lows one o' her children to accept presents unless all the others gets the same thing. 'It makes the others jealous,' says she, 'an' creates dissensions.'"

"I seen trouble comin' to Chet in flocks an' herds an' I says to myself they's jest one way to settle this thing. You know, if you give a rabbit a little cuff on the back of his neck he never knows what hit him. So I sneaks up to the attic, but ole Santa Claus had got there ahead o' me."

Ezra rocked back and let out a few more staccato notes of merriment.

"What had happened?" my wife asked.

"Wait 'till I tell you," said Ezra. "I called Chet to come up quick, an' he come a-runnin'." "Look here," says I to him, "you give the eight little ones to the children an' the old one to Mis' Baker. If you do it nice she can't refuse 'em, 'specially when the little rabbits needs the services of Jimmy fer awhile yet." So Chet he lugged the hull box o' rabbits downstairs an' made such a eloquent presentin' speech that the widder couldn't do nothin' but thank him an' take the hull mess home with her."



Henderson—Some men claim to understand women.  
Hendrick—They are mostly single fellows.

## Farmers Arrested; Had Christmas Cheer In Grips, Charged

Huntsville, Ala., Dec. 22.—J. P. White and Sam P. Holman, well known farmers of Limestone county, were brought to Huntsville today and arraigned before United States Commissioner Watts on a charge of violating the federal bone dry law in bringing liquor into this state from another state. They were arrested for bringing liquor in their grips from Hopkinsville, Ky. The arrests were made by the sheriff of Limestone and the men were turned over to Deputy Marshal Colbert.

Commissioner Watts held the men under bond for appearance before the next federal grand jury.

## Sixty Rounded Up For Robbing Bank

(International News Service.)

Chicago, Dec. 22.—In one of the greatest round-ups in years, sixty men, many of them said to be well known "gunmen," were placed under arrest here in connection with the efforts of police to solve the robbery of banks at Summit and La Grange in which more than \$93,000 were stolen.

Those first calling cards. Ever, prospective bride takes especial interest in her first calling cards after the "Mrs." is added. Supply your wants by ordering early from the daily. Many styles and prices to select from.

**Beautiful LaVallieres**  
The kind that the ladies appreciate at  
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## IDLE RICH ARE ESCAPING TAXES

BY MEANS OF BEARER WARRANTS OWNERS OF BONDS CONCEAL IDENTITY.

(International News Service.)  
Washington, Dec. 22.—American millionaires are declared to be involved in a far-reaching plot to defraud the United States government of millions of dollars of income tax.

This was revealed at the federal trade commission's hearing in the food price investigation this afternoon. By a system of bearer warrants which absolutely conceals the identity of the real owner of corporation stock, certain rich men of the United States have succeeded in evading payment of income taxes and sur-taxes by making it impossible for the treasury to find out who owes the tax.

## Red Cross Workers Aid the Government

Jas. L. Draper, secretary of the county exemption board, today acknowledged the contribution of their services during the past week by the following Red Cross workers:

Mrs. John H. Donnell.  
Miss Mary Penick.  
Miss Martha Weaver.  
Miss Kate Hardage.  
Miss Margaret Frahn.  
Miss Lynda Williamson.  
Mrs. Johns.

Until the questionnaires are all filled out, the county board needs the assistance of two Red Cross workers each afternoon, one from the Albany and one from the Decatur chapter.

Chafing Dishes, \$12.50 to \$15.00. Coffee Percolators, \$2.50 to \$15.00. Just the thing for the better gift. Owl Drug Co., Decatur. 22-2t

## CHESTER SARTOR ENTERS THE ARMY

GOES TO QUARTERMASTER'S RESERVE CORPS AT JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Chester Sartor, for the past five months camp salesman at Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Miss., for Swift & Co., arrived here today to visit home-folks and will leave tonight for Camp Joseph F. Johnston, at Jacksonville, Fla., having been accepted for the quartermaster's reserve corps as a first-class storekeeper, and ordered to report there to go into training.

Mr. Sartor, while here, took occasion to pay high tribute to the work being done by the army Y. M. C. A. at Hattiesburg, which he has had every opportunity to observe.

"If you want to hear cheering around the camp just see the gray shirts of the Y. M. C. A. workers show up," he said today. "These Y. M. C. A. men are college graduates, men of the highest type, and the work that they are doing has made them loved and respected by all the soldier boys. They mess with the men, pitch their tents at the rifle range, and undergo every hardship of the private soldier. Some of the boys shoot craps while the chaplains preach, but all of them are on hand when the Y. M. C. A. fellows lecture."

Family Bibles and Testaments in all sizes and bindings, very appropriate for Christmas presents. Owl Drug Co. 22-2t

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## JOHNNIE APPETITE

Just arrived with a choice line of Elkhorn Cheese in tins. No more worry for Mrs. Housewife about what she will have for lunch. Johnnie Appetite will fill the bill. Come in and sample and see how good it is.

**Welsh Rarebit Swiss Krafts Roquefort Camembert and others in tins.**

**Cottage Cheese, Pimento Cheese in bulk.**

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## APPROPRIATE GIFTS

Our preparation for Christmas---If you will note our advertisement---we are sure it will help settle many vexatious Christmas problems, for we have racked our brains to make it easy for you as we know how. There are only a few shopping days until Xmas, so for your benefit as well as ours, we advise early buying, which gives you the benefit of choice selections and better service. We mention only a few of the hundreds of items on sale.

## For "That" Girl OF YOURS

**LaVallieres**—Your choice of dozens of styles, sizes and shapes, reasonably priced..... \$3 to \$25  
**Toilet Sets**—Mirror, Brush, Comb and other essential toilet articles. A beautiful assortment of styles in Sterling Silver, French Ivory and the new Enameled Finish \$5 to \$15  
**Watch Bracelets**—A happy combination of beauty and utility. Something every girl wants. You will find here a splendid assortment of guaranteed Watch Bracelets at pleasing prices..... \$12.50 to \$25  
**Manicure Sets**—Is it a nifty little trick in French Ivory—or would you prefer something in the new "Sea Shell" effect? It makes no difference what style you desire—we have it for you..... \$2.50 to \$15

**CHIN CHIN.**  
The fragrant breath of old Japan. A new oriental odor of exquisite daintiness and last fragrance. Packed in beautiful gift boxes. Price..... \$1.25

**Music Rolls**..... \$2.50 to \$5.00  
**Holiday Stationery**—A full assortment of the latest styles and tints in gift boxes..... \$1.50 to \$5.00  
**Nunnally and Belle Camp Fresh Candies**, from..... \$1 to \$5

## For THE Man

**Parker Safety Sealed Pens**—Self-fillers with the new seal caps which prevent leakage..... \$1.50 to \$4.50

**Shaving Mirrors**—In various styles, prices and shapes. Ask to see the magnifying mirror..... \$1 to \$3.50

**Military Brush Sets**—In ebony and silver, packed in neat cases. \$2.00 to \$5.00

**Shaving Mugs and Brushes**—Neat combination sets in French Ivory and silver..... \$2 to \$3.50

**Sterling Silver Cigarette Cases**, 75c

**Sterling Silver Match Cases**..... 75c

**Combination Match and Cigarette Cases**, silver..... \$1.25

## For "Friend" Wife

**Ladies' Hand Bags**—An assortment in Morocco Leather, Lamb Leather and Silk—one side pleated effect, fitted with hanging mirror and frame purse..... \$3.50 to \$5

**Sewing Sets**—In neat cases, fitted complete for embroidering, crocheting and tatting..... \$1.50 to \$3.50

**Books**—See list below.

**LaVallieres**—An assortment of styles reasonably priced..... \$3 to \$25

**Comb and Brush Sets**—French Ivory, Silver and Ebony \$5 to \$15

**Manicure Sets**—Complete Manicure outfits in French Ivory, Bone and Sea Shell finish..... \$2.50 to \$15

## For Husband

Yes, she STILL likes Candy, by all means give her a box for Christmas from our choice and fresh stock of Nunnally's and Belle Camp, \$1 to \$5

**Shaving Mugs and Brushes**—Neat combination sets in French Ivory and silver..... \$2 to \$3.50

**Handsome New Watch Chains**—All the well-known makes, Waldemar and others; also knife chains. \$3.50 to \$5

**Thermos Bottles and Lunch Kits**..... \$2.50 to \$4

**A Parker Pen** will make an enduring gift. Several sizes and styles..... \$1.50 to \$4

**Cigars**—Good brands in boxes of 25..... \$1.25 to \$2.50

**Leather Pocket Books**—All the new designs and shapes..... \$1 to \$2.25  
Books—See list below.

## CHRISTMAS TOYS FOR GIRLS AND BOYS

**Kindergarten Bead Boards** 25c and 50c  
**Aluminum Tea Sets**..... \$1.00  
**Toy Cooking Sets**..... 75c  
**A, B, C Blocks**..... 10c to 50c  
**Embroidery and Child's Sewing Sets** 50c and 75c

**Dolls**  
**Toy Carpenter Benches and Tools**—75c to \$1.25

**Real Machine Guns**—Just like the army machine gun; shoot wooden bullets. Operated with a crank..... \$3.00  
**Aeroplane Guns**—Can be fired at any angle. Shoot hard and true. Shoots wooden bullets..... \$3.00  
**Policeman's Outfit**—Consisting of Helmet, Belt, Badge and Club..... 75c

**Fireman's Outfit**—Consisting of Helmet, Badge, Belt and Axe..... 75c  
**Chemcraft Outfits**—Consisting of chemicals, apparatus and instructions for many experiments, illustrating the wonders of modern chemistry..... \$1.25 and \$2.50

**Ingersoll Watches**—  
The Yankee..... \$1.25  
The Eclipse..... \$2.50  
Waterbury Radiolite..... \$4.00  
The Reliance, seven-jewel movement..... \$4 to \$6

**BOOKS FOR CHILDREN**  
Books—Fairy Stories and the Boy Scout and Red Cross Girl series.

## GOOD BOOKS

BY O. HENRY:—

"Sixes and Sevens."  
"Cabbages and Kings."  
"Whirligig."  
"The Gentle Grafter."  
"The Trimmed Lamp."  
"Strictly Business."  
"Heart of the West."  
"Roads of Destiny."  
"The Four Million."  
"The Voice of the City."

PRICE, \$1.00.

OTHER BOOKS:—

"The Green Jacket," by Jeanette Lee.  
"Pip," by Ian Hay.  
"The Heart's Kingdom," by Davies.  
"The Luck of the Irish," by McGrath.  
"By the World Forget," by Grady.  
"Green Fancy," by McCutcheon.  
"Painted Woman," by Kimmer.  
"Webster-Man's Man," by Peter B. Kyne.  
"The Road of Ambition," by Sterne.  
"We Can't Have Everything," by Rupert Hughes.  
"The Heart of Washington," by Whipple.  
"Abe and Mawruss," by Glass.  
"The Adventures of Bobby Orde," by White.

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